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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr BATTERSBY, Mr HABSBURG and Mr CALVEZ

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the Greek Trade Unions

The European Parliament,

- concerned that Greece after the decline in October 1981 is now the only country in the European Economic Community with a state controlled trade union movement,
  - concerned at the control over trade union finances now executed by the Greek Government,
  - concerned at the selective registration of unrepresentative unions into the General Confederation of Greek Workers, which is the main trade union,
  - concerned at the failure so far of the present Greek Government to honour its election promise to give the trade unions true independence,
  - concerned at the suspension of activities by the legally elected General Confederation of Greek Workers on 15 December 1981,
  - concerned at the apparent lack of representative balance in the provisional executive of the General Confederation of Greek Workers appointed after this event,
  - concerned at the action requested by the present Government body of the employees association of the National Bank of Greece to intervene in the free exercise of trade union rights and the prosecution of workers;
1. Calls on the Greek Government to establish truly independent trade unions and to ensure that the executive of these independent trade unions are freely and democratically elected;
  2. Calls on the Greek Government to ensure that trade unionists are not harassed or threatened with legal action for their political beliefs;
  3. Calls on the President to forward this resolution to the Permanent Representative of the Greek Government to the Community in Brussels.